as well as the traffic police have however, been directed to ensure that there is no obstruction to the traffic on the main road. Delhi Police have further reported that there has been no connivance local police in the running of the market.

Dacoities and Murder in Delhi

2920. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of dacoties, loots and murders is on the increase in Delhi as years roll by;

(b) if so, what is the number of such incidents during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) what measures Government propose to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in the number of cases of dacoities, robbery, snatching and murder. The number of cases registered during 1989, 1990 and 1991 (upto 30th November) and the corresponding period in 1990 has been indicated in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The steps taken by the Government in this regard include increased patrolling; modernisation of communication network; posting of pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillance and co-ordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring states.

Statement

Head	Year	Number of cases
DACOITIES	1989	15
	1990	19
	1991 (upto 30-11-91)	30
	1990 (upto 30-11-90)	17
ROBBERIES	1989	214
	1990	227
	1991 (upto 30-11-91)	255
	1990 (upto 30-11-90)	203
SNATCHINGS	1989	215
	1990	206
	1991 (upto 30-11-91)	259
	1990 (upto 30-11-90)	194
MUKDERS	1989	351
	1990	390
	1991 (upto 30-11-91)	466
	1990 (upto 30-11-90)	356